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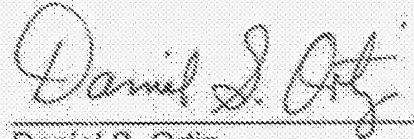
I, Daniel S. Ortiz, state:

1. That I am an attorney for Applicants in the above-referenced application;
2. That an object of the present invention is to provide a drilling fluid for use in drilling wellbores in hydrocarbon bearing formations where the drilling fluid provides significant benefits in terms of environmental acceptance or regulatory compliance without significantly compromising overall drilling fluid performance;



3. That oil or synthetic-based drilling fluids are used to drill wellbores in hydrocarbon bearing formations and other holes penetrating subterranean formations;
4. That oil-based drilling fluids comprise a significant segment of drilling fluids use;
5. That oil-based drilling fluids have been subjected to increased environmental restrictions, performance and cost demands;
6. That there is increasing need and industry-wide interest in drilling fluids that provide superior rheology and environmental acceptance;
7. That the present invention provides blends that comprise an oil base for emulsions of oil-based drilling fluids that are readily biodegradable and effective as drilling fluids;
8. That the invention as claimed in the subject application can materially contribute to the development of energy resources in an environmentally friendly manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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